Implementation of sittings of Parliament

†2729. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for holding one hundred fifty sittings of the Parliament in a year is under consideration; if so, by when it would be implemented;

(b) whether Government would also insist on one hundred and fifty sittings of the Legislative Assemblies of all the States; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total days of sittings of the Parliament during last three Lok Sabha i.e., twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth Lok Sabha, and the reasons for the declining number of the yearly sittings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise; and

(c) The total number of sittings of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha during the term of last three Lok Sabhas, i.e. twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth Lok Sabha, are as under:

Lok Sabha	Total no.of sittings	
	Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha
*12th LS	88	82
13th LS	356	351
#14th LS	68	66

* Only four Sessions of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were held during the term of the 12th Lok Sabha as the 12th Lok Sabha was dissolved after 1 year and one month of its constitution

The position as on conclusion of the First part of the Budget Session, 2005 of Parliament.

Since 1993, when the Standing Committee System was introduced, the number of days in the Budget Session have got reduced by about 3-4 weeks as the two Houses have to be adjourned for recess to enable the Department-related Standing Committees to consider the Demands for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Grants of various Ministries/Departments and make their Reports. Therefore, if the reduction in the number of sittings on account of recess period is taken into account, there is no appreciable reduction in the number of sittings of the Lok Sabha during the term of the last three Lok Sabhas.

Review of SCs/STs lists

†2730. SHRI Dl|_IP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the castes which have been demanded to be include in the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the State Governments of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) since when the proposal to include 'check' caste is pending;

(c) the date of constitution of the committee for this purpose; and

(d) the progress made by the committee and the problems faced by it in preparing the interim report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) the required information in given in the Statement (See below).

(b) No such proposal is pending.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Review of SCs/STs Lists

(A): Details of proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes for Chattishgarh and Madhya Pradesh

SI. No.	State	Name of Community
1	2	3
1	Chhattishgarh	1. Turi 2. Bagri, Bagdi 3. Banchada 4. Bargunda 5. Bedia